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## The Future Educators Academy

*"Bridging the gap in New Hampshire classrooms"*

- The goal of the Future Educators Academy is to create a pipeline of well-prepared high school students, who after earning their teaching credentials, will return to New Hampshire classrooms as passionate, high quality educators.
- Nationally, during the next 10 years, some 2.5 million new teachers will be employed to replace retiring teachers, meet growing school enrollments, lower class size and replace teachers who have exited the field.<sup>i</sup>
- Recent reforms in the national education system, along with a threat of a shortage of new educators, have increased demand for qualified educators, especially para-educators, secondary school teachers, college professors, preschool teachers and special education teachers.

*The Future Educators Academy has been selected as one of six demonstration sites for the design and development of the National Education & Training Career Cluster.*

The Future Educators Academy is a curriculum-centered model for recruiting high school students into the field of education. It is built on a solid foundation of skills and standards and offers a sequence of activities that (a) prepares students for college enrollment and (b) validates their interest in the field of education. The required sequence of courses includes US History, English Composition, Advanced Computer Applications, Exploring the Art of Teaching and Practicing the Art of Teaching. Students enrolled in the Future Educators Academy have the opportunity to earn three college credits and there is a merit-based scholarship program with awards ranging from a minimum of \$5,000 to a maximum of \$10,000. A portfolio documents the aspiring educator's qualifications for a teacher preparation program and is an integral component of their admissions application.

*The following schools are leading the way in recruiting high quality students into the field of education:*

Kearsarge Regional High School in North Sutton  
Londonderry High School  
Spaulding High School in Rochester  
Pelham High School

Stevens High School in Claremont  
White Mountain High School  
Timberlane Regional High School in Plaistow  
Winnacunnet High School in Hampton

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<sup>i</sup> Summary Report of the Quality Educators Task Force